

COLORADO

Park Operational Base Summary: The table below shows the annual park operating base for all parks within this state. Park operational base funds are supplemented by as yet undetermined amounts of project funding from regional or servicewide-managed programs, such as cyclic maintenance, the Natural Resources Preservation Program, and the Drug Enforcement Program.

If a park is in more than one state, the park is included in each of the appropriate state tables. The full operating base is shown; no attempt has been made to split the park operating base amount between two or more states.

Congress'l District Park Units	(dollars in thousands)				
	FY 2001 Enacted	FY 2002 Enacted	FY 2003 Uncontrol Changes	FY 2003 Program Changes	FY 2003 Estimate
04 Bent's Old Fort NHS	882	1,001	14	-6	1,009
03 Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP	734	1,027	14	-6	1,035
03 Colorado NM	994	955	13	-6	962
03 Curecanti NRA	2,924	2,973	33	-14	2,992
03 Dinosaur NM	2,528	2,782	42	-18	2,806
05 Florissant Fossil Beds NM	609	631	8	-4	635
03 Great Sand Dunes NM & Preserve	964	1,456	17	-7	1,466
03 Hovenweep NM	208	280	1	141	422
03 Mesa Verde NP	4,670	4,812	114	-49	4,877
02,03,04 Rocky Mountain NP	9,647	10,093	178	-76	10,195
04 Sand Creek Massacre NHS	0	294	0	0	294
03 Yucca House NM	100	100	0	0	100

For FY 2003, Program Changes include increases contained in park operations and for counter-terrorism activities. Program Changes are reduced for travel and associated costs by implementing management reforms to achieve savings.

This table does not include programs from other appropriations such as General Management Plans, Land Acquisition, Line Item Construction, Federal Lands Highway Program, and Historic Preservation Fund State Grants. Information on the distribution of funds in these programs is outlined on the next page. There are separate sections on General Management Plans and the Trails Management Program.

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Hovenweep National Monument; Colorado and Utah

\$142,000 to Operate New Facilities

Funding is requested to operate the new visitor center, including new water and sewage facilities, and to address health and safety issues at the park. A new park visitor center, completed in 2001, has significantly increased the park's visitor services and maintenance workload. Funding would be used to provide building and custodial maintenance and to monitor water treatment facilities. Funding would also be used to expand visitor center hours throughout the year, increasing visitor access to ruins and canyon trails. The increased services would help protect park resources and enhance visitor safety.

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(dollars in thousands)

PROGRAMS NOT INCLUDED IN PARK BASE:

GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (See GMP section for further information)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>
Curecanti NRA	Ongoing Projects
Great Sand Dunes NP & Pres	Ongoing Projects
Hovenweep NM	Potential New Start

LAND ACQUISITION (see attached)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Great Sand Dunes NM & Pres	20,242 acres	\$5,000

CONSTRUCTION: LINE ITEM CONSTRUCTION (see attached)

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Bent's Old Fort NHS	Eliminate employee/health/safety deficiency	\$1,325
Great Sand Dunes NM & Pres	Renovate visitor center	\$4,424
Rocky Mountain NP	Restore Hidden Valley Resource & Facility	\$2,335

PROPOSED FEDERAL LANDS HIGHWAY PROGRAM

<u>Park Area</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Funds</u>
Mesa Verde NP	Correct entrance failures - phase II	\$7,200
Rocky Mountain NP	Reconstruct Bear Lake Road - phase II	\$4,300

HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND: STATE GRANTS

State apportionment: \$722

STATE CONSERVATION GRANTS

Proposed state apportionment: \$2,471

(Does not include \$48,600,000 for Cooperative Conservation Initiative, which will be distributed to the states through national competition.)

Land Acquisition and State Assistance/Federal Land Acquisition

Fiscal Year 2003 National Park Service Federal Land Acquisition Program

Program or Park Area: **Great Sand Dunes National Monument and Preserve**

National Park Service Land Acquisition Priority (FY 2003): Priority No. 5

Location: In south central Colorado, southwest of Pueblo, Colorado

State/County/Congressional District: State of Colorado/Alamosa and Saguache Counties/Congressional District No. 3

Land Acquisition Limitation Amount Remaining: There is no limitation.

Cost Detail: The estimated annual operating costs associated with this acquisition are \$0.540 million.

Date	Acres	Total Amount
FY 2003 Request	20,242	\$5,000
Future Funding Need	NPS share TBD	NPS share TBD

The total amount includes the cost of title, appraisal, environmental site assessment, acquisition, and relocation assistance.

Improvements: Some ranching activity occurs on lands within and adjacent to the monument boundary.

Description: The Act of November 22, 2000 (Public Law 106-530), authorized establishment of Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve and abolishment of Great Sand Dunes National Monument when the Secretary determines that sufficient land has been acquired to warrant designation of the unit as a national park.

Natural/Cultural Resources Associated with Proposal: Protection of the sand sheet, a fragile, sparsely vegetated, and easily impacted environment consisting of intermittently active and inactive dunes, is essential to the continued life of the Great Sand Dunes. The continued stability of this area depends upon the delicate balance of the area's groundwater levels and high salinity levels.

Threat: Any changes to the natural flow patterns of the streams or groundwater levels which impact surface flows would disrupt the balance of the processes involved in continued dune activity. As the population in the area continues to grow, there will be increased pressure to use resources in a way that will adversely affect the Great Sand Dunes.

Need: For fiscal year 2003, funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 are needed for acquisition of a portion of the Baca Ranch. Acquisition of the ranch was authorized by Public Law 106-530. The Nature Conservancy, a non-profit conservation organization, is seeking an option on the entire ranch. The Department of the Interior has entered into an agreement to purchase an undivided interest in the ranch when funds are appropriated. In fiscal year 2001, the National Park Service obligated \$8,200,000 toward the purchase of a portion of the interest. An additional \$2,000,000 was appropriated for fiscal year 2002. The total cost of the Baca Ranch will be \$31,280,000. Since the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will administer a portion of the ranch, it is expected that USFWS will acquire a portion of the interest. *Acquisition of these lands will contribute to the NPS GPRA Goal 1a Preserve Natural and Cultural Resources.*

Interaction with Landowners and Partners: Federal acquisition of the ranch is strongly supported by the regional water conservation districts, the state of Colorado, local governments, and most other entities.

Construction and Major Maintenance/Line Item Construction and Maintenance**National Park Service
PROJECT DATA SHEET**

Project Score/Ranking:	983
Funding FY:	2003
Funding Source:	Line Item Construction

Project Identification

Project Title: Eliminate Employee & Visitor Critical Life/Health & Safety Deficiencies		
Project No: 59669	Unit/Facility Name: Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site	
Region: Intermountain	Congressional District: 04	State: Colorado

Project Justification

Project Description: This project will provide a new, safe, *Americans with Disabilities Act* (ADA) accessible and permanent administrative office building and a sanitary, ADA accessible public restroom. Both facilities will be constructed next to the existing visitor parking lot. This project has three components. 1) Construct a new administrative office building, separate from the reconstructed fort. 2) Construct a new stand-alone public restroom to replace unsanitary, inaccessible and inadequate portable toilets. 3) Rehabilitate the existing office space in the reconstructed fort, returning most of the space to its historic use as a wagon house and using modern construction techniques and materials to create a safe, smaller office to support front-line operations. Site work for the new facilities will include: all existing on-site utility connections, a small lift station to connect to the recently installed septic system, minor landscaping site survey/grading work, and exterior ADA compliance requirements.

Project Need/Benefit: The United States Public Health Service (USPHS) has directed park management and administrative staff members, and the Bent's Old Fort Historical Association to vacate their offices, located within the rear of reconstructed fort, as soon as possible. The issues relating to both the Hantavirus and public restroom availability are being addressed by a temporary plan. This plan places most of the fort staff and historic association members into temporary/leased office space, creating additional annually reoccurring lease/security system/utility costs. This directive was issued due to the potential for exposure to Hantavirus. Hantavirus is a documented, real and potentially deadly threat to the fort's 24 permanent and seasonal employees and 4-6 employees of the Bent's Old Fort Historical Association. The current administrative office space in the reconstructed fort (the main office entry door is through the livestock corral over a rough stone/gravel walkway and the portable toilets located at the visitor parking lot are non-ADA compliant/ accessible, and are not USPHS approved.

Ranking Categories: Identify the percent of the project that is in the following categories of need.

83% Critical Health or Safety Deferred	0% Critical Mission Deferred Maintenance
17% Critical Health or Safety Capital Improvement	0% Compliance & Other Deferred Maintenance
0% Critical Resource Protection Deferred Maintenance	0% Other Capital Improvement
0% Critical Resource Protection Capital Improvement	

Capital Asset Planning 300B Required: YES: NO: x	Total Project Score: 983
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Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate:			Project Funding History:		
Deferred Maintenance Work :	\$ 1100000	83	Appropriated to Date:	\$	0
Capital Improvement Work:	\$ 225000	17	Requested in FY 2003 Budget:	\$	1,325,000
Total Project Estimate:	\$ 1325000	100	Required to Complete Project:	\$	0
Class of Estimate:	C		Project Total:	\$	1,325,000
Estimate Good Until:	09/30/02				
Dates:	Sch'd		Unchanged Since		
(qtr/yy)			Departmental		
Construction Start/Award	1 / 2003		Approval:		
Project Complete:	4 / 2003		YES: x NO:		
			Project Data Sheet		
			Prepared/Last Updated: 2/10/02		

Construction and Major Maintenance/Line Item Construction and Maintenance**National Park Service
PROJECT DATA SHEET**

Project Score/Ranking:	600
Planned Funding FY:	2003
Funding Source:	Line Item Construction

Project Identification

Project Title: Renovate Visitor Center			
Project No: 30150		Unit/Facility Name: Great Sand Dunes National Park	
Region: Intermountain	Congressional District: 03		State: Colorado

Project Justification

Project Description: The project would consist of renovation of the existing visitor center and the addition of a 3500 square foot park operations wing to that facility. Renovation of the existing structure would include installation of dunes view windows in the visitor use area; a new west facade in New Mexico Territorial style (stucco, rough cut wood beams) to match the existing east façade; and replacing the two existing fuel oil furnaces with high efficiency gas furnaces. The new operations wing, also New Mexico Territorial architecture, would contain ranger offices, a fee collection office, curatorial storage and workspace, and an emergency medical services room.

Project Need/Benefit: This project will provide adequate curatorial storage and work space to maintain the existing collection to NPS standards, and implement the curatorial plan for cultural tree scars. It will provide 80 square feet of dune view windows at the visitor center that will allow visitors an opportunity to see the primary resource, the Great Sand Dunes. It will provide an emergency medical services (EMS) room for treatment of visitor injuries and storage of EMS equipment and supplies that will allow prompt professional treatment of visitor injuries. The project will make the ranger offices readily accessible to park visitors and cut emergency response time by 10 minutes, support a year round fee collection operation, cut energy and maintenance costs, and provide a safe work environment for park employees.

Ranking Categories: Identify the percent of the project that is in the following categories of need.

10% Critical Health or Safety Deferred	0 % Critical Mission Deferred Maintenance
20 % Critical Health or Safety Capital Improvement	0 % Compliance & Other Deferred Maintenance
0 % Critical Resource Protection Deferred Maintenance	20 % Other Capital Improvement
50 % Critical Resource Protection Capital Improvement	

Capital Asset Planning 300B Analysis Required: YES: NO: x	Total Project Score: 600
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Project Costs and Status

<u>Project Cost Estimate:</u>			<u>Project Funding History:</u>		
Deferred Maintenance Work	\$	442400	10	Appropriated to Date:	\$ 0
Capital Improvement Work:	\$	3981600	90	Requested in FY 2003 Budget:	\$ 4,424,000
Total Project Estimate:	\$	4424000	100	Future Funding to	
Class of Estimate:	C		Complete Project:	\$	0
Estimate Good Until:	09/30/02		Project Total:	\$	4,424,000
<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Sch'd</u>		Project Data Sheet Prepared/Last Updated: 2/10/02	Unchanged Since	
(qtr/yy)				Departmental	
Construction Start/Award	1 / 2003		Approval: YES: x NO:		
Project Complete:	4 / 2003				

Construction and Major Maintenance/Line Item Construction and Maintenance**National Park Service
PROJECT DATA SHEET**

Project Score/Ranking:	620
Planned Funding FY:	2003
Funding Source:	Line Item Construction

Project Identification

Project Title: Restoration of Hidden Valley Resource and Facility		
Project No: 34134	Unit/Facility Name: Rocky Mountain National Park	
Region: Intermountain	Congressional District: 04	State: Colorado

Project Justification

Project Description: This package proposes to restore the heavily disturbed and altered former Hidden Valley Ski area. The removal of the 12,000 square foot ski lodge and other ancillary structures; restoration of Hidden Valley Creek to free flowing and the restoration of related wetlands will be accomplished using the park's fee receipts. Funds requested here are for the recontouring and revegetation of ski roads and slopes; elimination of non-native plant species and replanting with native species of plants and trees from the park nursery. The proposal will also provide a fully accessible picnic area; upgrade the education center/ranger station to meet the Life Safety Code, Uniform Building Code, National Electric Code, and the Uniform Federal Accessibility Guidelines properly furnish the environmental education center lab to effectively complement the "Parks-as-Classrooms" environmental education program; improve public restrooms for full-year use; reduce the footprint of the parking lot and other hardened surfaces; provide for a sustainable building and utility systems; and include self-contained energy systems and on-site treatment of waste and power generation.

Project Need/Benefit: Hidden Valley was one of five downhill ski areas in National Parks and is currently the only one permanently closed. During the 37 years of operation, the natural resources in Hidden Valley were severely altered. An old-growth forest composed of spruce and fir was logged to make several miles of ski roads and runs. Water in Hidden Valley Creek that flows through the middle of the ski area was diverted for snowmaking. One mile of the creek was covered with logs allowing snow to accumulate over the creek in the winter. The log covering placed the creek in darkness changing the hydrologic system, killing aquatic life and riparian vegetation along the creek bank. Macroinvertebrates died, creating a sterile environment. Cut and fill roads and ski runs were built by bulldozers on steep terrain. Thousands of cubic yards of topsoil were removed. Alien plants invaded the area, displacing native plants. Alpine tundra above treeline was also disturbed. Wildlife associated with the spruce/fir forest was displaced and habitat lost. Hidden Valley Creek is important habitat for the threatened Greenback Cutthroat Trout.

Ranking Categories: Identify the percent of the project that is in the following categories of need.

0 % Critical Health or Safety Deferred	0 % Critical Mission Deferred Maintenance
0 % Critical Health or Safety Capital Improvement	0 % Compliance & Other Deferred Maintenance
20 % Critical Resource Protection Deferred Maintenance	0 % Other Capital Improvement
80 % Critical Resource Protection Capital Improvement	

Capital Asset Planning 300B Analysis Required: YES: NO: x **Total Project Score:** 620

Project Costs and Status

Project Cost Estimate:			Project Funding History:		
	\$'s	%			
Deferred Maintenance Work :	\$ 0	0	Appropriated to Date:	\$ 0	
Capital Improvement Work:	\$ 2745000	100	Requested in FY 2003 Budget:	\$ 2,335,000	
Total Project Estimate:	\$ 2745000	100	Required to Complete Project:	\$ 0	
Class of Estimate: C			Project Total: \$ 2,335,000		
Estimate Good Until: 09/30/02					
<u>Dates:</u> <u>Sch'd</u>					
(qtr/yy)					
Construction Start/Award 1 / 2003			Project Data Sheet		
Project Complete: 4 / 2003			Prepared/Last Updated: 2/10/02		
			Unchanged Since		
			Departmental		
			Approval:		
			YES: x NO:		

Land Acquisition and State Assistance/Federal Land Acquisition

Such acquisition requires the consent of the landowner. Public Law 106-530 also established an advisory council to advise the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the preparation and implementation of a management plan for the National Park and Preserve. The 10-member council is to include seven members representing the local communities.